

Table 3 Comparison of breeding bird populations on Om-Al-Gorm, Iran, from 1975 to 2012

Breeding Species	Scott 1975 pairs	2008 pairs	2009 pairs	2010 pairs	2011 pairs	2012 pairs
Crab Plover <i>Dromas ardeola</i>	1,500	2,168	2,825	2,624	0	481
Saunders's Tern <i>Sterna saundersi</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	50	0	3	965	0	0
Swift Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	100	0	0	11	1,340	0
Western Reef Heron <i>Egretta gularis</i>	26	30	0	11	54	92
Whit -checked Tern <i>Sterna repressa</i>	300	0	500	700	0	0
Bridled Tern <i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	1,000	20,620	0	600	60	50
Gull-billed Tern <i>Sterna nilotica</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0
Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	5-10	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,988+5	22,718	3,320	4,911	1,454	623